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All claims are allowable. Due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution was SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of the letter mailed 2/5/02. However, since the potential reference has not yet issued, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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